

## BUTTER AND EGG BOARD CONFIDENCE GAME

The Chicago Butter and Egg Board has been plucking the farmer with one hand while the other was digging in the pockets of the Chicago consumers.

That much already has been shown in the proceedings of the government against the board.

The game was as neat a little piece of "con work" as ever John D. Rockefeller thought up, and the evidence already has startled the government prosecutors.

Here is what was done:

The Butter and Egg Board represented the big wholesale merchants of South Water street.

The members met every day, and fixed a "quotation" price for butter and eggs.

They publish this "quotation" price.

Then they bought up all the butter and eggs from the farmers, on a basis of a reasonable profit, supposing they were going to sell the butter and eggs to retailers at the "quotation" prices.

Having cornered the market, they sold the butter and eggs to the retailers at from one to four cents above the "quotation" prices.

Neat, isn't it?

The farmers get stung. The retailers get stung. The retailers in turn sting the consumers, and the members of the Chicago Butter and Egg Board grow fat and prosperous.

It will be remembered that when the first cold wave struck Chicago this year, bringing its

trail of death and suffering, the prices of butter and eggs suddenly and unaccountably jumped.

You see why now, don't you?

The wholesale firms, which were named before the Master in Chancery as being responsible for this "con" game, were first and foremost, two old friends:

Swift & Co. and Armour & Co. Officer, they're in again!

The other firms were: Wayne & Dow; C. H. Weaver & Co.; Coyne Bros., (appropriate, isn't it?); Goldenberg Bros.; Geo. W. Linn & Son; Merrill & Eldridge; R. Mangan & Co.; Callagher Bros.; A. H. Barber & Co.; John R. Deisher & Co., and C. Decker & Co.

The government demands that the "fixing prices" Board be dissolved.

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## OBSERVATIONS

Egg-laying contest begins November 1st. All America, China, Japan, Australia, Africa and Europe in it. Going to find out best breeds, best feed, best housing. Then hear us cackle!

Six years ago Louisiana didn't raise enough corn for her own use. Now she has enough export. If all the states grow like that, the starvation question looks pretty far off.

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## NEW TALES FOR OLD

There was a man in our town,  
And he was wonderous wise,  
He jumped into a bramble bush,  
And scratched a mosquito bite.